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Letter dated 6 April 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the declaration adopted by the member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem, to be held in New York from 19 to 21 April 2016 (see annex).

On behalf of the member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, I would appreciate it if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the special session, under item 7 of the provisional agenda.

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Declaration of States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for the special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem

The States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), in accordance with the common position on the drug threat agreed at the SCO summit meeting in Ufa on 10 July 2015, hereby declare the following:

1. SCO member States express concern at the worsening problem of the international drug threat, which is a serious challenge to international security and to the sustainable economic development of States and requires the consolidation of efforts by the international community;

2. Member States express the firm commitment to maintain and strengthen the current international drug control system, on the basis of the three main conventions of the United Nations and with the latter in a central coordinating role, and have consistently opposed attempts to undermine the existing international system to counter the drug threat;

3. Member States believe in the crucial importance of joint efforts based on an integrated and balanced approach and the principle of States' common and shared responsibility to address the world drug problem, with a focus on concrete measures aimed at subsequently eliminating global drug production including eradicating illicit narcotic plants and the processing facilities for them, establishing an effective legal response to the emergence of new synthetic drugs and other psychoactive substances, and strengthening cooperation in the areas of rehabilitation from drug addiction and effective drug demand reduction;

4. SCO member States express concern about the high level of drug production in Afghanistan, which is a threat to the socioeconomic development and security of Afghanistan and other States. In that context, they are ready to engage in combating the drug threat both bilaterally and multilaterally and to contribute towards the consolidation of efforts by the international community and cooperation to address this problem.